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## IMPORTANTE.

Ponemos en conocimiento de los Sres. que utilizan la "Gaceta de Puerto-Rico" para la publicación de edictos judiciales, en asuntos de partes, que publicado por primera vez y no satisfecho su importe, se suspenderán las otras dos publicaciones.

Puerto-Rico, 9 de Octubre de 1901.

Sucesores de J. J. Acosta,  
Propietarios y Editores de la  
"Gaceta de Puerto-Rico."

## PARTE OFICIAL

A MEMORIAL to the Senate and House of representatives of the Congress of the United States.

WHEREAS, By the provisions of Article VIII of the Treaty of Paris, signed December 10, 1898, Spain ceded to the United States, in Porto Rico, all the buildings, wharves, barracks, forts, structures, public highways and other immovable property which, in conformity with law, belong to the public domain, and as such belong to the Crown of Spain, but particularly providing in said Article VIII that the relinquishment or cession therein referred to, could not in any respect impair the property or rights which by law belong to the peaceful possession of property of all kinds, of provinces, municipalities, public or private establishments, ecclesiastical or civic bodies, or any other associations having legal capacity to acquire and possess property in the territory ceded; and,

WHEREAS, Upon the formal surrender of the sovereignty of Porto Rico, October 18, 1898, all buildings, wharves, barracks, forts, structures, public highways and other immovable property, including lands and lots, then in possession of, or controlled or administered by officers of the Spanish Army or Navy, or by civil representatives of Spain, were turned over by the Spanish Commission to the United States Commission, appointed to receive the same, and subsequently, by said United States Commission, to the Military Government established in Porto Rico by order of the President, and by said Military Government held and administered as the property of the United States, and continue in possession of the military authorities stationed in Porto Rico, except as conditionally turned over to the Civil Government by order of the Honorable Secretary of War.

WHEREAS, The records of titles to property, files of Royal Decrees and Orders, and accounts of expenditures of public funds prove either a legal title in, or a strong equitable right to the possession of numerous buildings, parcels and lots of land transferred and held as aforesaid, by the People of Porto Rico and by the several municipal corporations; and

WHEREAS, The City of San Juan, by reason of it having been for centuries and until a very few years ago, walled in, is except on lands reserved for military use, solidly built up, leaving no space for the location of public buildings, for which there is great need, particularly for the administrative departments and for schools, and the residence sections are congested, poor tenants being crowded into small ill ventilated, foul and filthy quarters, which constitute a standing menace to the health of the community. The only hope of relief from the dire inconveniences suffered by the public and educational interests, and the dangers to public health lies in the opportunity by the Insular Government to dispose of the considerable tract of land adjoining the city on the east and constituting the remaining portion of the small island on which San Juan is situated; therefore, be it,

Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of Porto

Rico: That the Congress of the United States is hereby memorialized and most earnestly solicited to speedily enact such measures as will forever settle to, and permit the enjoyment by the People of Porto Rico and by such municipal corporations as may hold title to or may show that they are entitled to the buildings, lots and so-called public lands herein referred to; and be it further.

Resolved, That, in aid of the certain and early settlement of claims and causes for contention, the Congress is respectfully requested to send a special committee, or a sub-committee, of the Insular Committee to Porto Rico to inquire into the status of the question here represented and to make such recommendation for the division and allotment for the buildings, lots and lands involved as may appear to be just and equitable

And your memorialists will ever pray.  
Approved January 14th, 1902.

### Office of the Secretary

San Juan, P. R. February 5, 1902.

To the Municipal Judges of the Island.

Sirs:

The blank form at present used by the Municipal Judges whenever a citizen or subject of a foreign nation makes declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the United States, will be hereafter discontinued.

Under the present Insular Government there is no authority for taking any action affecting the citizenship of any person.

Municipal Judges will therefore cease to administer such oath.

Chas. Hartsell,  
Secretary.

San Juan, P. R., á 5 de Febrero de 1902.

A los Sres. Jueces Municipales de la Isla.

Señores:

El uso de los modelos en blanco que en la actualidad utilizan los Jueces Municipales cuando algún ciudadano ó súbdito de una nación extranjera declara su intención de hacerse ciudadano de los Estados Unidos, cesará en lo sucesivo.

Bajo el actual Gobierno Insular no existe autoridad alguna que pueda tomar una resolución que afecte la ciudadanía de cualquier persona.

Por lo tanto, los Jueces Municipales dejarán de tomar el juramento á que se refiere el primer párrafo de esta carta.

Chas. Hartsell,  
Secretario.

San Juan, Porto Rico, February 5th, 1902.

The Alcalde of all Municipalities.

Sir:

This office has been advised that several of the alcaldes in different parts of the island, are still assuming to act under the nothed which was formerly in vogue, of demanding identification papers or "cédulas personales" from strangers, and in default of production of such papers, of assuming to expel such persons from the municipality, or of insisting upon such persons returning to their native towns.

You are respectfully advised that the tax which was known as "cédulas personales" was abolished by General Orders of December 14, 1898, issued by the Secretary of Finance of the Military Government, with the approval of the Commander, and that since said date the said tax and all proceedings thereunder have been entirely abolished on the island.

That in harmony with the freedom and liberty which always accompanies American institutions, every person on the island, whether he be native, foreign born, or whatever may be his status unless he shall be restrained for some criminal charge, or in accordance with some legal order issued by a competent court, or health authority, is permitted the fullest freedom to go and come as he shall choose in any part of the island without interference from any source.

Any violation of this liberty, which belongs to every citizen, whatever may be his or her station, will surely subject the party guilty of such interference, to proper and legal punishment.

Very respectfully,

Chas. Hartsell,  
Secretary.

### Departamento del Interior.

#### OFICINA DE AGRICULTURA Y MINAS.

##### ANUNCIO

San Juan P. R., Febrero 4 de 1902.

No habiendo podido tener efecto, dentro del plazo fijado anteriormente, el reconocimiento y demarcación del registro minero número 173, denominado "Mate", radicado en la jurisdicción de Corozal, el Agrimensor público Don Manuel Martínez Mora procederá á su demarcación durante los días 10 al 12 del presente mes.

Lo que se hace público para conocimiento de los interesados, advirtiéndose que no se tomarán en consideración otras reclamaciones contra la demarcación, sino aquellas que se presenten al Agrimensor en el acto de verificarla.

Juan B. Rodríguez,  
Jefe de la Oficina de Agricultura y Minas.

San Juan, P. R., Febrero 4 de 1902

No habiendo podido tener efecto, dentro del plazo fijado anteriormente, el reconocimiento y demarcación del registro minero número 174, denominado "Palmar", radicado en la jurisdicción de Corozal, el Agrimensor público Don Manuel Martínez Mora procederá á su demarcación durante los días 12 al 15 del presente mes.

Lo que se hace público para conocimiento de los interesados, advirtiéndose que no se tomarán en consideración otras reclamaciones contra la demarcación, sino aquellas que se presenten al Agrimensor en el acto de verificarla.

Juan B. Rodríguez,  
Jefe de la Oficina de Agricultura y Minas.

### Registro de la Propiedad de San Juan

A partir del día 8 del presente mes serán horas laborables en dicha Oficina, las siguientes:

De 9 á 12 A. M. y de 1 á 4 P. M., todos los días hábiles, exceptos los sábados en los que las horas de despacho serán de 8 á 12 A. M.

San Juan P. R., Febrero 4 de 1902,